



Possible cuts in the Older Adult Program at SAC prompted a group of protesters to attend the Aug. 8 school board meeting. The protesters brought the

message of SOAP (Save Older Adult Programs) to the board. (L-R) Florence Henry, Margaret Hansen and

Katie Mastich are shown after the board meeting talking with board members.

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Seniors protest losses in continuing education

By Rick Peoples
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On an appropriately hot and muggy night, SAC's board of trustees met on Aug. 8 to sweat out some tough budget decisions after losing over \$2.2 million in state funds.

In the audience was a small group of people—three in wheelchairs—there to put even more heat on the board members for making cuts in their Older Adult Program.

They were assuming the worst—the whole program was in jeopardy. They learned that 30 of the 102 classes were cut. It still wasn't good news.

Nora Johnson, who works for Hillhaven Convalescent Hospital, explained later what the group wanted to say to the board:

"Our point is that you have this racquetball class that is 140 hours (of instruction). That is more than our whole program. I have nothing against racquetball, but they can play other places. They have options. Our seniors don't," she said.

Three Hillhaven residents were there in wheelchairs, with balloons tied to them that read, "Save Our Older Adult Program (SOAP)," and, "Don't Wash Us Out."

Member Hector Godinez said, "There will be some adjustments made, especially for the elderly. You have done your duty and deserve it (the program). Yours is one program that should be given special consideration, and we support it."

George Osborn, dean of Continuing Education which funds the program, said that he and Dean Strenger determined how much to cut from the various credit and non-credit courses to trim \$300,000 from the budget for part-time instructors.

He acknowledged that the Older Adult Program absorbed 30 of the 50 class cancellations in the Continuing Education Program.

He pointed out, however, that in terms of dollars saved, the 30 senior citizen classes amounted to \$40,000, while the few large sections cut from the ESL program and adult education amounted to \$60,000.

The Older Adult Program was purposely cut more because it falls outside the three major purposes of the Continuing Education Program as outlined by the state legislature, according to Osborn.

"The purpose of adult education, established about 100 years ago, is 'English for non-English speaking people, citizenship for those who want it, and a high school education level for adults,'" he said.

Budget axe falls

Fewer classes, increased fees welcome students to new semester

By Rick Peoples
Co-Editor

In response to a loss of \$2.2 million in state funding for the year, SAC's administration has cut 165 classes, let 50 part-time instructors go, and imposed a total hiring freeze on new personnel, according to administration officials.

In addition to the cuts, students face a new \$20 parking fee, a state-mandated \$10 drop fee, and a possibility of paying a \$100 tuition for the school year. The tuition, if enacted, would be the first such tuition paid by students since the community college school systems was opened in 1910.

SAC President Bill Wenrich commented at a Aug. 8 board meeting, "Fees are not so onerous as long as the money stays here, and provisions are made for people who can't afford them."

He added, "Nothing will happen until Aug. 15 when the legislature reconvenes. The legislature will not take action until late in its session."

Board member Carol Enos, newly elected president of the California Community College Trustees (CCCT), said, "Triple C-T has had a no-tuition vote in the past. The last time the vote was a nine to nine tie."

She added, "(William) Cunningham (Education Advisor to Governor Deukmejian) has said, 'You people better be ready to discuss tuition. You are either going to have it shoved down your throat or become a part of the discussion.'"

According to the fall class schedule, if tuition is voted in by the legislature, students will be billed during the semester.

Governor Deukmejian wants a \$30 part-time (six units or less) fee and a \$50 fee for students who carry more than six units. He said this must be done before he will restore any part of the record \$234 million cut in funds to community colleges.

The state has already mandated a \$10-20 fee for students who drop a class. Notices about the fee appear all over campus as students are registering for fall classes, but it is such a new development that school officials are not quite sure how it will be enforced or who will enforce it.

Most students have already paid the new \$20 parking fee imposed by the board of trustees after the budget cuts were announced.

Faculty parking permits will remain at \$12 for the semester.

Students and faculty at nearby Orange Coast College pay \$10 per semester in parking fees and students and faculty at Golden West College also pay \$10. Saddleback College students pay \$20 to park while the faculty pays nothing in parking costs.

According to Robert Matthew, Vice-President of Business Operations and Fiscal Services, the fees can only be used for parking related expenses.

"The money is used for the construction, operation and maintenance of the parking lots," Matthew said, "and for the police officers who patrol it."

He pointed out that the \$8 parking fee paid in the past did not cover the estimated \$200,000 or more it costs the District to maintain the parking lot.

Although students at SAC will be paying more money this year, they will have 165 fewer classes to choose from.

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What the others pay in tuition



Source: California Postsecondary Education Commission

Bidding problems stall studio's construction

By Junior Arballo
Co-Editor

Questionable bidding procedures and over-bids have delayed the proposed television studio's construction for at least three weeks, according to Robert Matthew, Vice-President of Business and Fiscal Services.

The studio, which will be built at the Centennial Educational Center and serve SAC, was to begin construction soon after public bids were opened Aug. 2. Now construction will not begin until after the bids are re-opened Aug. 29.

"It was very simple," Matthew said. "All the bids were over the amount of money proposed for the project and all were rejected."

The architect's estimate for the project was \$299,520. This estimate was worked out by the Blurock Partnership, the company that worked out the plans for the design of the studio.

Public announcements for the construction of the studio went out July 13. Each potential bidder was given plans for the project. Then, each bidder submitted what it would cost them to build the project. The school district then took these bids

and kept them secret until all were opened to the public Aug. 2.

Builders West, a Santa Ana Company, was the low bidder at \$319,000. Hewett Company of Laguna Hills was the second at \$328,110.

As soon as the bids were opened, the Hewett Company lodged a formal protest against the top bid. Company secretary/treasurer Charles Hewett wrote in a letter dated Aug. 2 informing the school district about the protest. In the letter, Hewett called Builders West's bid illegal.

"It was clearly an illegal bid," Hewett's Chief Estimator Loyd Hawkins said. "They did not follow the rules set by the state on making public bids."

According to Hawkins, state law requires that any bid package submitted for consideration must have a list of all subcontractors that will be doing one-half of one percent of the contractors total bid.

When Builders West submitted its bid, only five subcontractors were listed. Hawkins said this was a clear violation of the law. A list of 25 other subcontractors was submitted by Builders West 45 minutes

after the bids were already opened. This, Hawkins said, is another violation.

"It is almost impossible to list all the subcontractors that will be used in a job," Robert Savage, owner of Builders West Company said. "There are so many people that are involved in a project like this one."

"We should have known that we should have the names of the subcontractors listed, but we didn't."

Hawkins attended the Aug. 8 school board meeting in an effort to convince the board to name the Hewett Company's bid the lowest and try and sway the board to accept the company's bid for the project.

He told the board the reason the bids exceeded the budget was because of special additions made to the plans several days before the bids were to be turned in.

"There was an addendum added only a few days before everything had to be turned in," Hawkins said. "It was for some extra lighting and electrical work. It raised the cost of the project by almost \$50,000."

The board voted to let the administration decide how to handle the situation. The next day it was decided that all the bids would be rejected and that the project

would again be open for public bids.

Savage said it would be hard for his company to re-bid the project because now other bidders know who his subcontractors are and will be able to go to them and offer a better price. "The lowest bid the first time around usually will not get the job the second time around."

Hawkins said he has the same problems, but said his company will again try and bid the job.

Crisis group offers hope for 'displaced homemakers'

By Gelia Dolcimascolo
El Don

SYNTAX ERROR glared out at Sandy from the monitor.

It has been another losing battle. Sandy Bauer, 40, homemaker and the mother of two teenagers, was trying to create a program in the Santa Ana College Computer Lab.

"I could be home baking cookies!" she spat back at the display screen. "Why am I really here?"

Sandy was enrolled in two basic computer courses and a beginning typing class at SAC last spring and took nine additional units this summer.

Her name is fictitious, but Sandy Bauer's story is true.

When she married 18 years ago, Sandy interrupted her education as a creative writing major at the University of California and dedicated herself to her family.

Three years of studies as a creative writing major and a career as a super-mom did not prepare Sandy for the reality that she was forced to confront one evening last April: Sandy's husband announced that he had filed papers for divorce. When their marriage came to an abrupt halt, Sandy became a "displaced homemaker."

Divorce is not the only displacing factor for women—or men—who find themselves in transition and in need of the counseling services offered at SAC's New Horizons offices.

Sara Lundquist, a full-time counselor for the program, described the displaced homemaker as "any man or woman, who, because of death, disability or a change in relationship, is in a position to support him or herself."

"These people are up against a brick wall...they don't know how to do it. It's not easy...it's the hardest it's ever been now because of the economy."

Although Lundquist sees mostly women with severe financial problems, men also come for help. Most of the men she counsels are unemployed or underemployed and wish to redirect themselves, often to non-traditional career opportunities.

The New Horizons Program is available to anyone living in the Rancho Santiago Community College District. Most people who see Lundquist are directed to obtain a job or job training to support themselves. They receive information regarding financial aid, subsidized child care services and other supportive programs.

Joan Brown, another counselor at New Horizons last semester, saw the re-entry woman's predicament as a situation of the '80s.

"Adults returning to school are in a dead-end position because formulas that worked in the '50s and '60s are no longer working. They are reluctant and frightened, and they feel out of place at school."

Yet Brown stated enthusiastically that the re-entry adult is a vital and exciting, as yet untapped resource of our community.

According to Lundquist, the New Horizons staff is being reorganized; while she will continue to be a full-time counselor, job and career specialist Karen Wray will be joining the program this fall.

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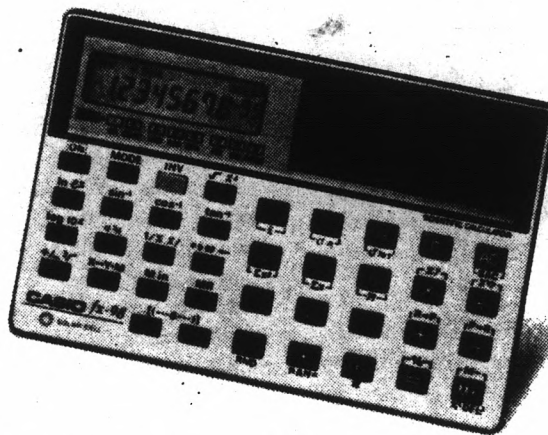
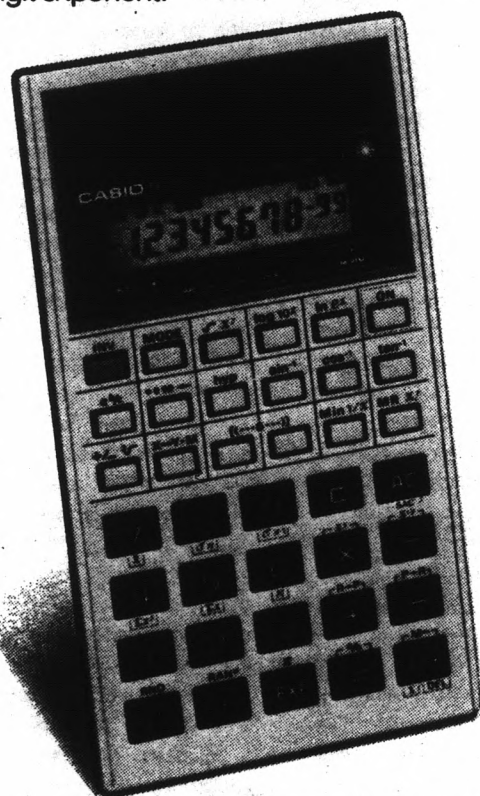
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Duke's blackmail must be stopped

To say that more than a few community college students are upset by Governor George Deukmejian's budget cuts this year would be a gross understatement.

But there are probably an even greater number of students who just don't care or will not do anything about it.

That is what the governor is counting on, and he will go on blackmailing us with the budget until he gets what he wants—tuition.

Here are a few gripes that just might jar some people from their apathy.

Where did the Duke come up with \$30 for part-time students and \$50 for full-timers? If a person took 6 units, it would cost \$30, but 6½ would cost \$50.

Why should we pay \$20 for half a unit?

In response to these budget reductions, SAC's administration has been forced to make some tough decisions about class cancellations and fees.

So far, 165 classes have been axed and 50 part-time instructors canned.

Not upset yet?

Well, consider the new \$20 parking fee we have to pay this semester.

We thought that might get you.

Add to that the fact that the faculty's exclusive parking lots still cost them only \$12.

ASB President Valerie Pryer, who sits on the board as a non-voting student representative, said she endorsed the new fee because she thought it was necessary to save the school's budget, but she didn't know that the faculty fee was not going up too.

"I think the board felt that since the faculty didn't get a cost of living increase, they shouldn't be forced to pay a higher parking fee too," she said.

She added, "In the long run, the new fee will help the school, and save some programs."

Although the money from the parking permits goes only to parking related costs, the increases will ease the money crunch for the entire school.

But the burden should not be placed entirely on students. These are bad times for everyone. A few dollars here and there mean missed meals and back rent for most students.

Now, on top of the parking fee, we are told that the state has arbitrarily imposed a \$10 to \$20 fee to drop a class.

Not only will this penalty discourage some people from trying a class that is a little above their reach, it will also complicate student/teacher disputes.

Can you imagine signing up for a class that you later find is completely worthless to you, and then having to pay \$10 just to get out of it?

Students have a responsibility to complete a class that they start and not waste an instructor's valuable time and energy.

But what happens when the instructor wastes the student's time and energy? Shall we demand \$10 from him or her?

The drop fee is apparently aimed at discouraging students from taking too many casual classes and wasting valuable space in the classroom, and to encourage serious study.

The governor should step out of his "50s" mentality and into the real world of the 80s. Most of us are very serious about what we are doing here. No one has had the luxury of taking classes just for fun since, well, since the Duke himself was in college.

We are here to learn a trade to enter the job market for the first time.

We are here to be re-trained after being laid off from a 20-year job on an assembly line.

We are here to start a new life after divorce has pushed us into the job market for the first time.

We are here to learn how to save lives threatened by fire, accidents and crime.

Some of us are here to prepare for a four-year stint in a university.

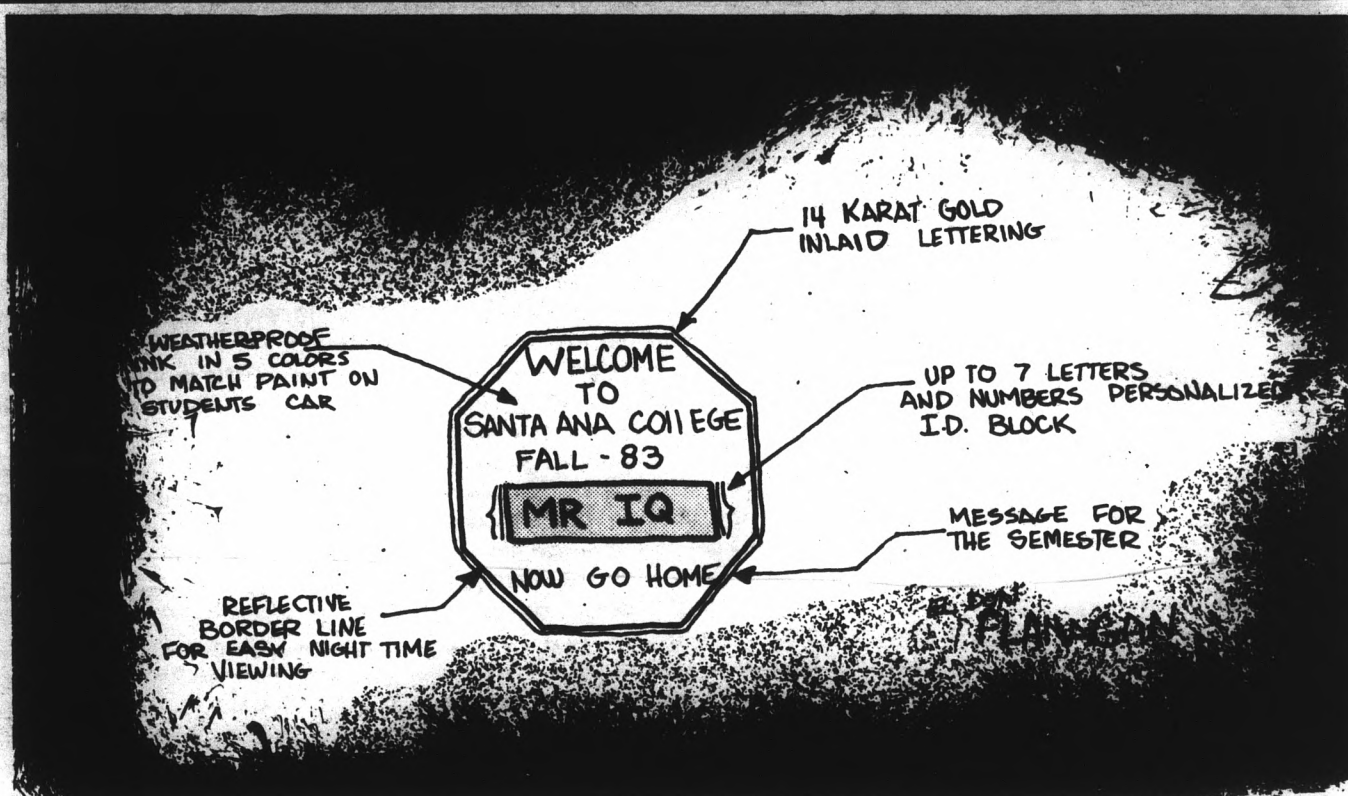
Others here have a degree, but are changing careers.

We are all different, and that may be what is keeping us from joining together to fight attacks on our community college.

But the choice is clear. We can stand quietly in line and pay and pay and pay, or we can make some decisions now in our favor.

Apathy can get very expensive.

The first regular issue of the el Don will be published Sept. 16. This is a special pre-registration issue.



What a \$20 parking sticker SHOULD look like

Peoples to People



By Rick Peoples
Co-Editor

El Don's new look — and why

At the end of last semester, we promised that the el Don would have a new look this fall.

Well, we delivered.

No the middle of the paper did not fall out as you ran to class.

It's thinner.

The budget cuts have struck our print shop and the el Don has to be typeset off-campus now. And until we get the bugs worked out, four pages is enough.

Speaking of type, you may have noticed that our new printer uses slightly different type styles than we usually use.

Or, maybe you didn't.

What you will notice is that the photos are larger throughout the paper and the words are printed in larger type that makes the el Don easier to read.

As a photographer, I can appreciate the appropriate use of images to convey messages. And as a habitual reader, larger type will ease the strain on the old eyes a bit.

But fewer pages, larger type and larger pictures mean less room for words. And as a writer, I know this means getting the facts in, make a point, and get out.

Except in my column.

So, what will the el Don look like this year?

Well, that depends on you. If we get together a large, hard-working staff, we will put out a large, hard-working newspaper.

If the staff is smaller, the paper will be smaller.

But everyone involved must work harder this year.

With our budget, we are all under the gun.

But adversity can sometimes foster unity and imaginative responses in people.

So look forward to a year of surprises in el Don. That we can promise.

Junior's samples

Duke's axe has good disguise as pen



by Junior Arballo
Co-Editor

I've always wondered about the power of people in politics. To me, it boggles the mind to see what control a person like our governor, Mr. Deukmejian has over our daily lives.

With one mighty stroke of his blue pen the "Duke" cut not only the \$124 million increase the legislature added to the state community college budget, but also vetoed another \$108 million from the existing budget.

Now that's power.

He said the schools could make the deficit up by charging students a fee of \$50 for full-time students and \$30 for part-time students. Something schools had not done since JC schools opened back in 1910.

What a guy. How did he know that I had just \$50 to spare to continue my education for one semester. Never mind that I have to pay for my books, my transportation, and my apartment. Oh, yeah, I forgot that I have to eat too.

The governor talks about how students that attend community college have had a break because it is tuition-free. Maybe that is true in one sense. Students in other states are paying full-fledged tuition of up to \$1,000.

But in many other ways, there is no such thing as a free education. The time spent at school is time spent away from a job where you can earn money to pay the bills. The cost of just living in Orange County (be it with your mom

and dad or not) is going up every day.

Politicians like Mr. Deukmejian talk about how times are hard all over and that everyone should bite the bullet. Trouble here is that the only ones biting the bullet are the ones who can least afford to.

Talking about biting the bullet seems to be a lot easier for the state politicians than actually getting your teeth into it. To make things equal all around, let's see the state politicians take a six percent cut in pay.

Another cute trick politicians do is to make the other politicians look bad. This, in turn, makes them somehow look better. I never understood how or why this ever worked.

I just received a note from two state politicians, David Roberti, Senate President Pro Tempore and Alfred Alquist, Senate Finance Committee Chairman.

They told me what a smashing job they were doing in Sacramento and what a brute our nasty governor was.

"The governor demonstrated that quality education and the financial hardship many students face are not important to him," the two hard-working pillars of our state political system wrote me.

Mr. Deukmejian's press secretary then wrote me telling me what a great guy our governor was. The letter said the "Duke" actually increased secondary education by some \$800 million. The letter said that if the governor's ideas were accepted, (the \$50 fee), then there would actually be a \$10 million increase in the total funds for the state community college budget.

What?

You mean to tell me the same man who cut all this money from community colleges is the same man who is going to increase the budget by \$10 million?

What a trick!

Dons hope to find success in new season

By Junior Arballo
Co-Editor

If asked what he would like to do differently than last year, second year football coach Dave Ogas would have one fast reply.

Win more football games.

"Our goal this year is to win more football games than we did last year," the SAC coach laughed. "I hope we can win a lot more games than we did last season."

Ogas was referring to last year's dismal season that saw the Dons win only three games while losing seven. Only two wins came in the tough Mission Conference.

In Ogas' rookie campaign, the Dons' problems stemmed from the lack of a balanced offensive attack and an inconsistent defense.

"Last year we had a lot of young players on our team," Ogas said. "Now those same kids are coming back as experienced lettermen."

SAC will feature 29 returning lettermen when the Dons start their full contact drills Thursday morning. There are 13 starters coming back from last year's squad—nine on offense and four on defense.

"Right now we are working on conditioning with our players and having a small overview," Ogas said. "The class will run from now until our practices begin."

The Dons received bad news before the first hit of the season when the coaches learned that starting offensive lineman Chris Coyte would be lost for the season because of a serious ear infection. Another member of the SAC squad was found to be ineligible because of bad grades. Ogas would not give the name of the player.

"We are going to miss Chris a lot," Ogas said. "He was a good football player that started for us last season."

"Right now we are a little thin in the offensive line. We have good quality, but we do not have the numbers."

The Dons last year were led by the throwing arm of then freshman Phil Cooper. Cooper established numerous passing records for SAC, including most passes attempted in one season; most passes completed in a season; most passing yards in one game.

The offense could only average 14.5 points per game despite Cooper's heroics because of a feeble running game that averaged less than 50 yards an outing. Early season injuries to the starting backfield of Cleo Bennett and Brandon Johnson could not be overcome.

The defense was inconsistent for the

Dons throughout the season and yielded over 33 points a game. This year, Ogas said, he hopes the Dons will be a more physical team.

SAC will have three new faces on the coaching staff as the Dons hope to improve in time for the Sept. 17 opener against Fullerton College.

"All our new coaches have just been super," Ogas said. "They will help us out right away."

First year man, Doug Mirich, will be handling the linebackers while another rookie coach, Bruce Rollinson, will be handling the offensive backs. Another assistant, John Defeies, will work with the offensive/defensive.

The Dons will have a rematch against the Hornets on SAC's home turf of Eddie West Field. Last season, Fullerton ran over the Dons on its way to the county championship, 37-0.

Is this a future USFL Wrangler?

The USFL recently came to SAC to hold try-outs for its Oklahoma Wranglers team. Some aspiring athletes came to the Don practice field in hopes of making the newly formed franchise. The unidentified receiver (above) tries in vain to catch a pass thrown by his quarterback. Soon the practice field will be used by the SAC football team in preparation for its home opener against Fullerton College.

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According to Dean Strenger, Dean of Science and Technology, he and George Osborn, Dean of Continuing Education, were instructed by the administration to cut \$300,000 from their part-time accounts.

"What we did was to go to each divisional dean and said, 'This is your allocation for the year,'" Strenger said, "and they decided what to cut."

In total, 115 credit courses and 50 sections from continuing education were cancelled.

Only classes taught by part-time instructors were affected, Strenger said, resulting in the dismissal of 50 part-timers.

He added they tried to cut multiple sections, classes that affect the fewest people, and more general interest courses rather than those needed for graduation.

Reactions from division deans, Strenger said, ranged from "I understand" to "Why me?" he said.

The budget cuts, which will amount to \$150,000 in the Fall and an equal cut in the Spring semester, amount to about eight percent of each divisional money, according to Strenger.

He said the faculty will not be receiving their cost of living raises again this year, but will continue to receive step raises.

"I am sure there is some kind of re-opening clause in the contract in case the state does find the funds for the schools this year," Strenger said.

The budget crisis began on July 21, when Governor Deukmejian blue-penciled \$1.6 million from the state budget. Of that, \$234 million was cut from the 106 community colleges in the state, about \$12 million for those in Orange County, and \$2.2 million for RSCCD.

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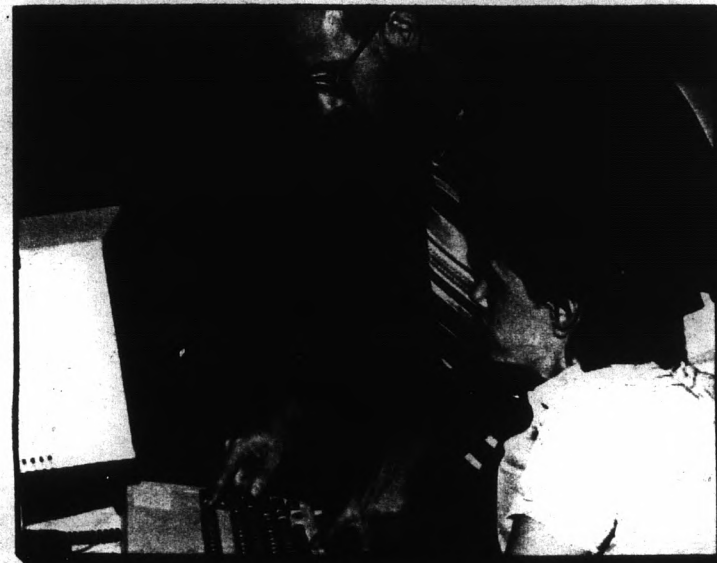
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